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ROCK HALL YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2008



Saturday, May 3rd

Kentucky Derby!

Bar 5 p.m.

Derby Telecast 6 p.m.

Dinner 7 p.m.

*Come and watch the Derby on
our wide-screen TV!*

(Maybe you'll win the pool...)

Reservations, please



RHYC OPENING DAY!

Saturday, May 10th

**Opening Ceremony and
Flag-Raising**

10:00 A.M.

Opening Day Regatta

11:00 A.M.

Opening Day Dinner

Cocktails 5 p.m.

Dinner 7 p.m.

Reservations, please



Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 11th



*Bring your best girl to Brunch
at RHYC*

10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Reservations, please

May 17th & 18th Albacore™ North American Championships

at

RHYC!



Volunteer to help the Race Committee by contacting
Commodore Dyer Harris at sdharris@dca.net
or at 302-778-4497

Lost Your Newsletter?

"Now Hear This!" the RHYC Newsletter and Calendar of Events, are posted monthly on the Rock Hall Yacht Club website at <http://RockHallYC.org> Please use the on-line version of the newsletter and Calendar to quick-check menus for dinner, dates for an upcoming meeting, and/or to remind you of current events at our club.

FOR MEN ONLY!s

If there is enough interest, the sailing school has Sunday, May 25th, set aside for a FOR MEN ONLY Sailing Class! Call Chuck - 410-778-4560.

Pool To Open May 24th!

----- Pool Rules -----

All participants and participant families in regattas held at RHYC are permitted to use the pool during the regatta event without paying guest fees.

Non-member children and families attending Sailing School may not use the pool unless accompanied by, and as a guest of, a club member. The only exception to this rule is the every-other-Friday Sailing School "Graduation Ceremony," when students and their families may use the pool before the barbecue as guests for no additional fee.

Members are required to register in the sign-in book at the pool entrance.

GENERAL RULES

No running, dunking or pushing.
No diving or flips off the pool sides.
No rough play.
No gum in the pool area.
No balls.
No swearing.
No radios may be used without headphones.
No cut-offs.
No glass face masks.
No flotation devices.

Swimming aids are allowed. (Such as "swimmies" or bathing suits with sewn-in flotation.)
NO FOOD in the pool enclosure.
No coolers in the pool enclosure.
No glass containers of any kind.
Swimmers must shower before entering pool.
No smoking in pool enclosure.

- All children in diapers must wear "swim" diapers, or tight-fitting plastic pants covering the diaper.
- Diapers are not to be changed at poolside or on the deck. Changing tables are located in the bath houses.
- Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a supervising person 16 years of age or older. There must be at least one supervising adult per 5 children.
- The pool may be closed at any time without warning due to water quality, weather conditions, or at the discretion of the Pool Manager.
- Swim at your own risk. Lifeguard not on duty at all times.
- If you or your child have had diarrhea within the past 72 hours, please do not use our pool facilities. Please think of the health and safety of other persons.
- RHYC reserves the right to remove any member or guest from the pool.

Easter Brunch Bunch

Easter "Angels" Save The Day



We know there are many of you who would agree that this year's Easter brunch broke all records for fun and quality of food. (We can't take credit for the nice weather — provided by a power greater than ourselves.)

Our chef, Joe Burgess, fell victim to what we think was a combination of food poisoning, (from a hotel, not from his own food!), double-whammied by the respiratory flu that was making the rounds. With only 36 hours to go, we had to make a major shift in plans for the brunch, and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to the team of people who made it all work.

First and foremost, thanks to former RHYC chef, John Keller, who gave up Easter Brunch with his mother and daughter at Longwood Gardens to pitch in and help RHYC. John got us organized, put our grocery lists together, and gave us an idea of what we'd have to do to pull this off.

Club Manager Bill Nagle ran all over Kent County and Delaware the day before the brunch, gathering up all the foodstuffs we'd need. This, after several days of preparing small-plate meals, and running the kitchen in Joe's absence. Then Bill helped with food preparation before the brunch, and was still cleaning up when everyone left the building.

Sally Powell, with help from Dave Teel's Bonny, Brooke Penders, Nancy Hill and Denise Tontarski got the Easter egg hunt beautifully organized - and all the kids were happy, with no "meltdowns."

Waitresses Cathy Jayne and Bobbie arranged everything for gracious serving and dining, and had the food service running like a well-oiled watch.

Chuck Parry took care of endless trash disposal, (had to dive out to the store to get trash bags and Clorox, too), running chafing dishes back and forth, and jumping in wherever needed.

Our wonderful Harry Murphey walked into the kitchen, saw that dishes needed washing, and un-asked, rolled up his sleeves, and got everything sparkling clean.

Member Melinda Lippincott called to ask if we needed help - we chorused "yes" - (she has previous restaurant experience) - and she turned-to in the kitchen for several hours, helping out with all aspects of food preparation.

We have angels on our shoulders at RHYC - and we hope you will join us in thanking all of these terrific people who turned a potential disaster into a rousing success.



WELCOME Lainey White!

Sailing School Hires

New Coach



The Rock Hall Yacht Club Sailing School is pleased to announce that Lainey White will be our Head Coach starting June 2008. RHYCSS Director Chuck Parry is looking forward to a great summer working with Lainey and the other instructors and parent volunteers to make this the best summer yet for teaching kids and adults to sail and improve their sailing.

Lainey comes to us from Western Pennsylvania with 3 years of sailing instruction experience and a lifetime love of sailing. She has her BS in environmental biology and is currently teaching and studying for her nursing degree. Lainey has been sailing since she was 5 years old, built a Fireball with her Father, and has sailed Fireballs and other one-designs up and down the East Coast. This March she and her Dad took fifth place in the Fireball Midwinter Regatta in sunny Florida! She is an accomplished, motivated sailor who loves to teach! We are excited that Lainey is joining us this summer in Rock Hall and know she will bring a lot of enthusiasm, new ideas, fun and skills to our RHYC Sailing School and Racing Team.

Where can the kids be safe, have fun, and learn to sail?

At the
**RHYC Sailing School,
of course!**

**Pee-Wees
Learn-To-Sail
Advanced
Racing Team**



**Expert Instruction
Safe Sailing Venue
Confidence Building
Summer Fun
Lifetime Memories**

Give your child or grandchild a summer experience he or she will love — and an opportunity to learn a life skill that will always be valuable.

All schedules, requirements, registration forms, and course rates can be found at www.RHYCSailingSchool.org
~ or ~ contact **Chuck Parry** at **410-778-4560** or gardy3@verizon.net



Learn To Swim!



Swimming Lessons: We will once again offer swim classes this coming summer. The fee will be \$35 per child for 5 days. Pre-school classes will be 1/2 hour and school age will be 45 minutes in length. Initial scheduling will be:

Pre-school age classes will be offered June 9-13

School age June 16-20

Private classes will also be available

Information, schedules and how to register for swimming classes will be sent out via e-newsletter in May. For any questions, contact Denise Tontarski at: deniset@intercom.net or 410-778-8466



Chef John Keller, Melinda Lippincott, and Chuck Parry hustle in the kitchen.

No room in the kitchen, so Linda arranges Easter goodies in the lobby.



Lo-cal Easter desserts



Happy brunchers in the dining room



Kids await the "GO!" signal.

Easter Brunch at RHYC 2008

Photos courtesy of Carol McCormack



"Let's see what you got..."

Requiescat In Pacem
We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of member John Spence on Saturday, March 29th, after a brief battle with cancer.
We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Betty, and their family.

[Women's Sailing](#) - Due to the overwhelming interest in our Saturday, May 24th Women's Only sailing class - we've added a 2nd date - Saturday, June 7th. Information will be sent via newsletter from Denise - in the meantime, if you have any questions - contact Denise Tontarski at deniset@intercom.net or 410-778-8466

[Men's Sailing](#) - There are still spaces remaining in the Sunday, May 25th Men's Only sailing class....contact Denise at deniset@intercom.net or 410-778-8466



Have You Tried It Yet? On-Line Regatta Registration Is Here!

*Plan to race in the
Opening Day Regatta?*

Please note:

ALL REGATTA PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE!

RHYC has joined with other clubs in on-line regatta registration. This system makes the regatta process easier and more cost-effective

1. Go to:
<http://rhycsailingschool.org/onlinereg.htm>
2. Find the regatta you'd like to register for & click "Register Online" for that regatta
3. Review the regatta info, fill out the registration form, enter your payment method, and checkout.

(If you have any problem with the on-line registration process, immediately contact Connie Ranney at ranneys4@comcast.net She'll help you out.)

You can see who else has registered by using the "List" link under the Registrants column.

MAIL- IN REGISTRATION

As an alternative, you may download the forms, fill them out, and mail with your payment to RHYC, PO Box 317, Rock Hall, MD 21661. All mail-in registration and payment must be received at the club seven days prior to the regatta.

CANCELLATION POLICY

In the event that you decide to cancel, there will be no refunds within the seven days prior to the regatta.

Please be aware that there are mandatory deadlines. If you choose to register as a "walk-in," you will be required to pay a surcharge.

Thank you for helping RHYC to move forward with technology, adhere to a budget, and purchase the food and supplies to make our regatta events a success for all.

What's a "Grill Night"? Basically, it's a family pot-luck supper under the Pavilion each Wed. in the summer. RHYC provides burgers and hot dogs for \$5 — members bring side dishes, salads, desserts. More in the June newsletter.



for all clubs and sailors. This is how you do it:

Commodore's Corner

THE ALBACORES ARE COMING!

This is not referring to a fishing tournament, but to a sailboat type. The Albacore Class asked the Rock Hall Yacht Club last fall to be the venue this spring for their North American Championship regatta, which we are honored to do. It will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18. Rock Hall members are invited to participate as spectators, race committee, or just sharing our bar and dining facility after the races.

So what is an Albacore if not a canned sandwich spread? It is a two-person sailboat, about fifteen feet long, mainsail and jib, centerboard, and quite fast. It was originally designed in England by sail maker Uffa Fox in 1948. It has remained popular in Great Britain, Canada, and the United States. There are nearby fleets in Washington, DC, Galesville, MD, Monmouth, NJ, as well as Canada.

From a distance the Albacore's length and sail plan will make it look quite like a Windmill. Closer up there are significant differences in hull shape, with the Albacore having rounded chines and entry, and a flat section aft of the centerboard housing to promote ready planing. A Windmill has hard chines, is narrower in cross section, and has a daggerboard instead of a pivoting centerboard. Neither boat uses a spinnaker. The nominal Portsmouth rating (DPN) of an Albacore is 90.4, while the Windmill's is 89.5. While this would imply that the Windmill is a bit faster, the statistical nature of the Portsmouth ratings would justify their being evenly matched. It might be interesting to test. Jim Georgeson? Give it a try.

Bob Bear, United States Albacore Association Vice President and regatta chairman for this event, expects about thirty boats, with half of them coming from Canada. We advised them that our pool would not yet be open, but he believes the Canadians will think Chesapeake waters warm anyway.

Dyer Harris

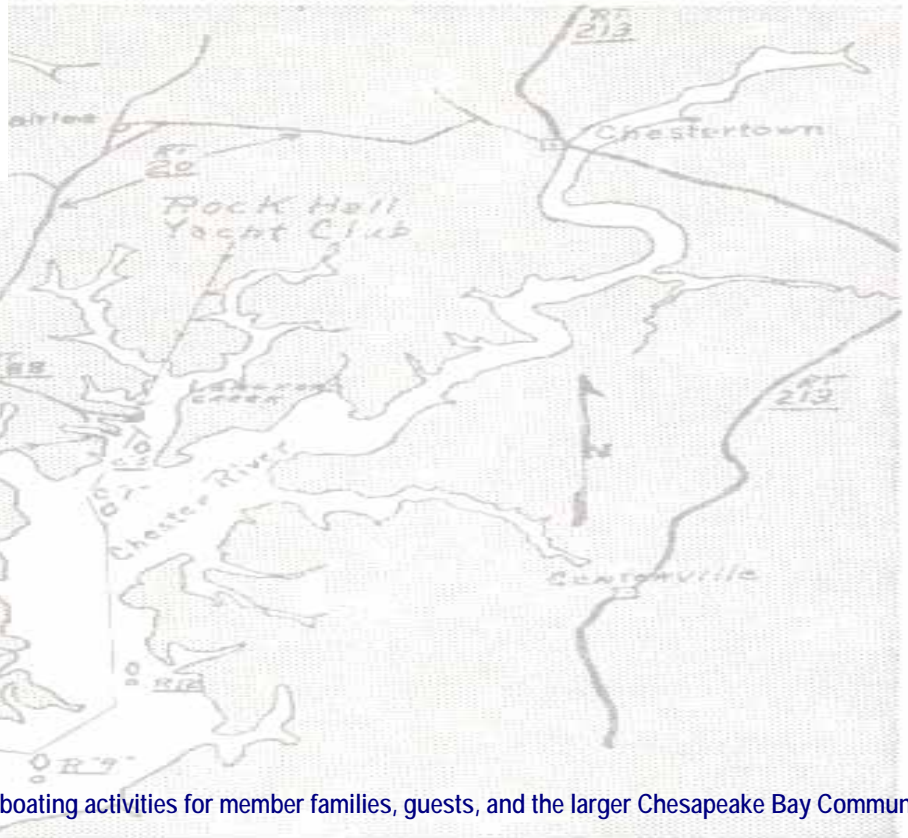
P.S. From the Social Committee...if we get 30 boats, that means a minimum of 60 guests—and we'd be

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Mission: To promote and develop sailing and other boating activities for member families, guests, and the larger Chesapeake Bay Community.

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**Welcome Aboard
 New Members!**

Neil Blackmore and Charlotte Farscht, Chestertown. Experienced sailors, interested in cruising and social activities.

Mike and Bobbie Marischt, Rock Hall. Ower boaters interested in fishing and helping out around the club.

And welcome back to Peggy Albertsen, Manick Burton, Dick Lull and David Dudek.

CLUB RACING

**Monday, May 26 — 1 p.m. SHARP!
 Followed by Family Barbecue
 (Please make reservations)**

This is informal racing at its best — and it's fun! If anyone needs crew or a boat they can call Joe Manley at 215-377-1312

JUNE 2008 Events (Circle the dates)

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Grill Night 6 p.m.	5	6	7 FOR WOMEN ONLY Class
8	9	10	11 Grill Night 6 p.m. <i>Board of Directors 7 p.m.</i>	12	13 Fri. p.m. Racers 7 p.m.	14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day	16 Sailing School Session I Begins	17	18 Grill Night 6 p.m.	19	20 Down River Race	21 Summer One-Design Regatta 1st Day of Summer
22 Summer One-Design Regatta	23	24	25 Grill Night 6 p.m.	26 Jr. One-Design Regatta	27 S. School BBQ 5 p.m. Fri. p.m. Racers 7 p.m.	28 RHYC Annual Lobster Feast \$35 per person
29	30 Sailing School Session II Begins					